



# DISASTER NEWS



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## **TROPICAL STORM DENNIS VICTIMS URGED TO APPLY FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE BY CALLING FEMA TOLL-FREE**

### **—DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER WILL OPEN TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION—**

**RICHMOND, VA --** Residents of the city of Hampton who sustained damage or suffered economic injuries as a result of the tornado caused by Tropical Storm Dennis are urged to apply for disaster assistance by calling a special toll-free telephone number set up by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The number is **1-800-462-9029** and it can be used to register for a wide range of state, federal and voluntary disaster assistance. Persons with speech or hearing impairments may call 1-800-462-7585 (TTY). Both numbers are available 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week.

“With one simple call, individuals can apply for a variety of disaster assistance,” said Federal Coordinating Officer Robert J. Gunter. “It’s a one-step process that can be completed from the privacy of your home.” Homeowners, renters and business owners in Hampton may be eligible for temporary housing or emergency home repairs, low-interest disaster recovery loans, and grants for individuals and families.

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Although a phone call is all that is needed to register, people also will have the option of meeting with state, federal and voluntary agency representatives at a Disaster Recovery Center for information and assistance.

A Disaster Recovery Center will open on Wednesday, September 8 and remain open through Saturday, September 18, according to State Coordinating Officer Michael Cline. The center will be located in the Virginia National Guard Armory, 208 Marcella Road in Hampton. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The center will be closed on Sunday.

The center also will be staffed with representatives who can provide information on the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) loans, taxes, crisis counseling, insurance, legal aid, vital records and other disaster-related services.

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